

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

HB 723 - SB 1630

March 11, 2009

SUMMARY OF BILL: Establishes licensure requirements and standards for the practice of naturopathy and creates both the Board of Naturopathic Medical Examiners and the Naturopathic Medical Formulary Council.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Revenue -

\$50,000/Board of Naturopathic Medical Examiners

Increase State Expenditures -

\$9,400/One-Time/Board of Naturopathic Medical Examiners
\$154,871/Recurring/Board of Naturopathic Medical Examiners

Assumptions:

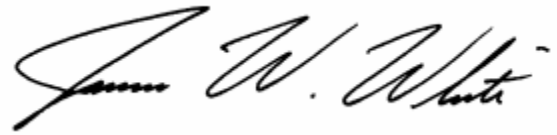
- The Division of Health Related Boards will require an additional administrative services assistant position to process all initial and renewal applications and an attorney to advise the board and council, write rules, guide investigations, and prosecute disciplinary actions.
- These positions are estimated to result in an increase in one-time expenditures of \$9,400 which includes costs for computers and printers (\$4,000) and office set-up (\$5,400).
- These positions are estimated to result in an increase in recurring expenditures of \$150,955 which includes salaries (\$91,608), benefits (\$31,147), administrative costs (\$15,800), communications and networking (\$3,000), office leasing (\$8,200), and supplies (\$1,200).
- It is estimated that travel reimbursement per member is \$326.34 (\$81 for meals, \$137.34 hotel, and \$108 mileage) per meeting. The five member board and seven member council will meet only annually resulting in an increase in expenditures of \$3,916.08 (\$326.34 x 12 members).
- The Department of Health estimates that 100 individuals will apply for licensure. The bill limits licensure fess to \$500 per applicant resulting in an increase in revenue of \$50,000 (100 x \$500).

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- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 4-3-1011, all health-related boards are required to be self-supporting over a two-year period. The Board is estimated to have a negative balance of \$114,271 in FY09-10.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "James" and last name "White" clearly legible, and "W." in the middle.

James W. White, Executive Director

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